Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Black Mesa Ranger District

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Willow Wash Permittee

Dear Permittee,

On April 5, 2019 Kendell, Matt and myself met with Quinn to discuss the 2019 Annual Operating Instructions for the Willow Wash Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

Pasture	Head	<u>Dates</u>
West Sundown	172 C/C	May 1 to June 2
East Sundown	172 C/C	June 3 to June 16
Southeast Willow	172 C/C	June 17 to June 26
Phelps	172 C/C	June 27 to July 14
Hall	172 C/C	July 15 to August 4
Bear Springs	172 C/C, 20 yrlgs	August 5 to August 25
Yarrow	172 C/C, 20 yrlgs	August 26 to September 8
Ranch	172 C/C, 20 yrlgs	September 9 to September 30
Northwest Willow	172 C/C, 20 yrlgs	October 1 to October 20
Sackett	172 C/C, 20 yrlgs	October 21 to November 13
Southwest Willow	172 C/C, 20 yrlgs	November 12 to November 30

The Pulp mill, Government Tank, Northeast Willow and Cottonwood pastures will be rested this grazing year. The desired utilization level for the 2019 grazing season will be 25% on herbaceous forage species, 20% of terminal buds on riparian trees, and 45% on browse species. Utilization monitoring will take place on key species within key areas when livestock leave the pasture.

Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by Forest Service one week prior to the scheduled move date. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved out of the pasture within 3 days of the planned rotation date. You must notify the Forest Service if there is a need to deviate away from the planned move date.

As discussed in the meeting, Matt indicated he would follow up on clearances for replacement of pulp mill waterlines and drinkers that supply Pulp Mill and Government Tank Pastures. Please allow a few weeks for him to collect all the necessary documents and coordinate with you on project plan. As for the corrals in Government Tank please maintain and replace any needed updates to bring back into working order. Please do not go out of the original footprint of the existing improvement and coordinate with Matt if changes are needed.





By this letter, I also authorize you, or people working for you, to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Willow Wash Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession with you/they while engaged in any tree cutting.

This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2019 grazing season. If you have any questions, concerns or issues, please contact Kendell, Matt, Andy, or myself at the Black Mesa District Office at (928) 535-7300.

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Sincerely,

RICHARD D. MADRIL

District Ranger